

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.84, please amend the drawings by entering the attached papers, each paper being identified "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet".

SECTION: REMARKS

This reply is submitted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §132 and 37 C.F.R. §1.111. The Office Action was carefully considered by the undersigned attorney and applicant. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

1. Summary of the Office Action.

Claims 1-13 and 15-21 were pending.

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 13, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §103(a) over Brown in view of Hannifin vacuum generator disclosed on p.11, lines 5-18.

Claims 4, 5, 7-12, 17, 18 and 21 are objected to but found to contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 19 and 20 are allowed.

2. Discussion.

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the finding of allowable subject matter in this application.

Disclosure Objection

The disclosure has been amended in view of the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Drawing Objection

Responsive to the drawing objection, enclosed are corrected formal drawings for the examiner's approval. Figures 6 and 7 were corrected in accordance with the examiner's observation.

Applicants also corrected Figures 1-3 and 10-14 in view of the change to Figures 6 and 7.

Claim Rejections Based on Formalities

Claim 3. This claim is cancelled without prejudice to expedite prosecution of the case to finality.

Claim Rejections Based on Prior Art

Claim 1. This claim was rejected under 35 USC 103 over Brown in view of prior art Hannifin vacuum generator. Applicants amended the claim to incorporate all of the limitations of dependent claim 4. Claim 4 was objected to, but was found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of its base claim. The amended claim is believed to be patentable and withdrawal of the rejection is requested. Applicants note that amended claim 1 is a version of originally submitted dependent claim 4, merely rewritten in independent form. Thus, no limiting amendment is made and no limitation on the scope of the language of dependent claim 4 is intended or should be considered made. Dependent **claim 4** is cancelled in view of this amendment.

Claim 22. This independent claim is new. The claim is based on independent claim 1 as filed and incorporates all of the elements of objected to dependent claim 7, (and intervening dependent

claim 6), which was found to contain allowable subject matter by the examiner. Accordingly, the claim is believed to be patentable.

Claim 23. This independent claim is new. The claim is based on independent claim 1 as filed and incorporates all of the elements of objected to dependent claim 17, which was found to contain allowable subject matter by the examiner. Accordingly, the claim is believed to be patentable.

Claim 24. This independent claim is new. The claim is based on independent claim 1 as filed and incorporates all of the elements of objected to dependent claim 21, which was found to contain allowable subject matter by the examiner. Accordingly, the claim is believed to be patentable.

Remaining Claims. The remaining dependent claims each adds at least one limitation to the elements of its base claim, and is therefore deemed to be allowable with such base and any intervening claim, at least for this reason. **Claim 5** was amended in view of the cancellation of claim 4.

3. Conclusion.

The claims pending after this amendment are believed to be patentable for the reasons stated above. The amendments are believed to be supported by the specification, claims and drawings as filed. It is believed that this case is now in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that telephone communication would advance the prosecution of this case to finality, he is invited to call at the number below.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), provided a Petition is not submitted separately.

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